**Anax longipes  Hagen**

_**Comet Darner**_

**Uncommon**  
**75-87 mm (3.0-3.4 in.)**  
**Large**


**FEMALE:** Eyes: blue. Abdomen: green basal and red-brown beyond w/ dull green to tan spots. Chunkier than male.

**JUVENILE:** Eyes: gray. Abdomen: pale orange; spots pale blue in juvenile F.

**Habitat:** Widespread on ponds; borrow (sterile, shallow, gravel) pits/semi-permanent, usually grassy, ponds; ample shoreline vegetation of rushes, pickeralweed, etc. Larvae do not seem to compete well w/ other dragonflies or fish. Rarely seen at rest. Does not join feeding swarms.

**Reproduction:** Male patrols 3-6’ above the water in territory up to 150’ long from 9 a.m. to late afternoon. Mate while pair hangs in tree. Female oviposits in submerged plant stems or algae; Female not observed in tandem or being guarded by male. Exuviae in swampy environment on vegetation not far above water.

**Notes:** Old name: Long-legged Green Darner. Noticeably large than _A. junci_ (Common Green D.)


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